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For : BATTERY MODULE, AND RECHARGEABLE BATTERY FOR
CONSTITUTING THE BATTERY MODULE

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, 1.98, and supplemental to an Information Disclosure Statements filed on October 12, 2000, January 12, 2001 and December 27, 2001, Applicants hereby bring to the Examiner's attention the following documents:

Japanese Patent Publication No. 10-189055 to SONY CORP published July 21, 1998, as well as an English language abstract; and

Japanese Patent Publication No. 07-245092 to SONY CORP, published September 19, 1995, as well as an English language abstract.

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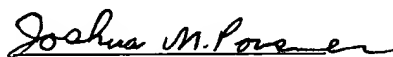
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(2), the undersigned certifies that, to the best of his knowledge, no item of information contained herein has been cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. Additionally, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)(2), the undersigned certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the present Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants further submit the fee set forth in §1.17(p) to ensure consideration of the above-noted documents.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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